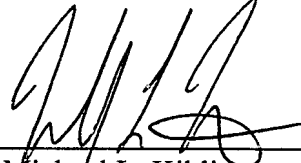


claims are either allowed or clearly allowable, and thus, applicants request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Additionally, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call applicants' attorney if it would expedite prosecution.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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